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Title: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR DECONTAMINATING MAIL

**AMENDMENT AND REMARKS IN RESPONSE TO  
OCTOBER 11, 2002 OFFICE ACTION**Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This communication is submitted in response to the October 11, 2002 Office Action ("Office Action"). A response was originally due January 11, 2003. A petition for one-month extension of time to respond is filed herewith. Accordingly, this response is timely filed. Entry of the following amendment and consideration of the enclosed remarks are respectfully requested. A Request for Approval of Proposed Drawing Changes is submitted under separate cover on even date herewith and a courtesy copy is enclosed.


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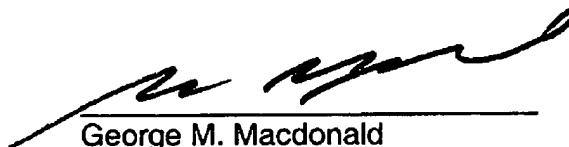
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Independent Claims	3	-	3	=	0	X	\$84.00	=	0.00
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2. Amendment Transmittal Letter (2 pages);
3. Amendment in Response to October 11, 2002 Office Action (11 pages with 4 page attachment); and
4. Courtesy copy of Request for Approval of Proposed Drawing Corrections enclosing one (1) sheet informal drawings (3 pages).

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